



# PARTNERSHIP *for* PETERSBURG



*Education   Community   Public Safety*  
*Commerce   Health   Transportation*





# OVERVIEW

## Education

Establish Lab Schools, tutoring, and comprehensive wrap-around services to improve the lives of Petersburg's students.

### Initiatives

- Provide comprehensive student support through organizations like the YMCA to deliver activities students can partake in after school.
- Recover learning loss in reading and math through tutoring programs in conjunction with the Urban Leagues of Greater Richmond and Hampton Roads and Virginia's four HBCUs.

### Accomplishments

- Partnered with the YMCA to provide before and after school care at four of the local elementary schools.
- Fifty tutors began providing tutoring services in March of 2023 to the students in the Petersburg City public school system. (Read more on page 2)

## Health

Enhance services and resources to improve health outcomes for residents.

### Initiatives

- Expand health department clinic hours.
- Provide mobile healthcare clinics and services.
- Establish community-based health literacy hubs.
- Provide downtown Petersburg with a viable grocery store to combat the current insecurity due to the present "food desert."

### Accomplishments

- Provided fifty mobile healthcare clinics and services between October and December.
- Expanded the health dept clinic hours by reopening an immunization clinic and a men's sexual health clinic.
- Successfully sourced and on-boarded a developer to bring a nationally recognized grocery store to central Petersburg. (Read more on page 3)

## Public Safety

Safeguard Petersburg's citizens through enhanced resources for legislative aid and police presence.

### Initiatives

- Hire additional U.S. Attorney General prosecutors to act as Special Assistant United States Attorneys (SAUSA).
- Engage soon-to-be-released inmates with the community work re-entry program to allow them a path of transition back into the workforce.

### Accomplishments

- Hired two additional SAUSAs to prosecute criminals at the Federal level, instead of the local level, to decrease crime.
- Partnered with the Department of Corrections to plan a work re-entry program through Nottoway Correctional Center. (Read more on page 4)

## Commerce

Revitalizing & investing in existing and new businesses, and growing the workforce.

### Initiatives

- Generate entrepreneurial culture through the funding of start-ups.
- Increase access to broadband.
- Revitalize downtown Petersburg.

### Accomplishments

- Awarded twenty, \$25,000 grants to existing and new small business owners in Petersburg.
- Facilitated an agreement between the City and Public school system to provide broadband to all Petersburg citizens.
- Opened the Virginia Community Resource Center in downtown Petersburg. (Read more on page 5)

## Transportation

Ensure citizens have increased access to transportation options for work and recreation.

### Initiatives

- Revitalize the multi-modal center to expand access to transportation.
- Provide additional passenger rail service options by increasing rate of trains that pass through Petersburg.
- Ensure Petersburg has safe entrances and exits along the I-95 and I-85 corridors.

### Accomplishments

- Opened a 76,000 square foot multi-modal transportation center to serve as a hub for the Tri-Cities region.
- Provided an additional passenger rail trip servicing DC to Norfolk.
- Began a year long study to address the entrances & exits along the I-95 and I-85 corridors for safety & operational improvements. (Read more on page 6)

## Community

Maximize partnerships to enhance community and faith based engagement.

### Initiatives

- Design and build out a platform for expanding the accessibility of resources and local, state and federal funding and incorporate this with community groups, opportunities and resources.
- Foster a coalition of public and private partnerships, community groups, and faith organizations to identify needs and resources.

### Accomplishments

- Implemented a digital hub in the Virginia Community Resource Center (VCRC) with tools to help citizens access state and federal assistance for childcare, education, health, housing, and workforce. (Read more on page 7)



# EDUCATION



*Establish Lab Schools, tutoring, and comprehensive wrap-around services to improve the lives of Petersburg's students.*



## Initiatives

- **Launch** a lab school that serves prekindergarten, kindergarten and 6th grade to improve the SOL scores, graduation rates and transition rates from graduation to a job, military, education or career training program. The eventual goal is to transition Petersburg schools toward a lab school or school of innovation model.
- **Recover** learning loss in reading and math through tutoring programs in conjunction with the Urban Leagues of Greater Richmond and Hampton Roads and Virginia's four HBCUs, and through the implementation of the lab schools model.
- **Provide** comprehensive student support through organizations like the YMCA to deliver activities students can partake in after school.
- **Foster** an entrepreneurial culture through the implementation of an entrepreneurial curriculum in Petersburg schools.



## Accomplishments

- Fifty tutors began **providing** tutoring services in March of 2023 to the students in the Petersburg City public school system.
- **Hired** two Communities in Schools (CIS) coordinators to manage cases for up to fifty students each.
- **Partnered** with the YMCA to provide before and after school care at four of the local elementary schools.
- **Facilitated** contact between Petersburg City Schools and the creators of the desired entrepreneurial curriculum, Uncharted Learning.



# HEALTH



*Enhance services and resources to improve health outcomes for residents.*

## Initiatives

- **Provide** downtown Petersburg with a viable grocery store to combat the current insecurity due to the “food desert” that is present.
- **Expand** health department clinic hours, **provide** mobile healthcare clinics and services, and **establish** community-based health literacy hubs.
- **Improve** Petersburg maternal and infant health outcomes.
- **Review** services and times for the school-based Crimson Clinic for expansion opportunities.
- **Assess** Petersburg emergency management and trauma services.
- **Address** Petersburg food insecurity with the Secretary of Agriculture.
- **Improve** the Poor Creek water supply.
- **Determine** the adequacy of emergency response resources for homeless citizens.
- **Implement** a fitness campaign to improve the overall health of citizens.
- **Assist** and expand efforts of food banks and other distributors to ensure that Petersburg citizens are aware of and can receive needed aid.

## Accomplishments

- **Expanded** the health dept clinic hours by reopening an immunization clinic and a men's sexual health clinic.
- **Provided** fifty mobile healthcare clinics and services between October and December.
- An LOA between DEQ and VDH was signed and **dispersed** \$8.5 million in ARPA SLRF funding to the City for completed design and construction expenses for the Poor Creek water supply.
- **Opened** the Urban Baby Beginnings Maternal Health Clinic.
- The Crator Health district hired a new practitioner for the Health Department in October of 2022.
- The Petersburg YMCA was **awarded** a grant to partner with the national non-profit, KABOOM!, and **built** a playground structure and play space in May of 2023.
- **Sourced** and on-boarded a developer to bring a nationally recognized grocery store to central Petersburg.



# PUBLIC SAFETY



*Safeguard Petersburg's citizens through enhanced resources  
for legislative aid and police presence.*

## Initiatives

- **Hire** additional U.S. Attorney General prosecutors to act as Special Assistant United States Attorneys (SAUSA).
- **Hire** a group violence intervention coordinator to hold gangs and crime crews accountable, and to divert young people away from crime.
- **Create** a Virginia State Police surge to increase law enforcement presence in the city.
- **Engage** soon to be released inmates with the community work re-entry program to allow them a path of transition back into the workforce.
- **Implement** federal prosecution tactics, public relations, and messaging to reduce the number of perpetrators with guns in Petersburg.

## Accomplishments

- **Hired** two additional U.S. Attorney General prosecutors to act as SAUSAs to prosecute criminals at the Federal level, instead of the local level, to decrease crime.
- **Hired** a group violence intervention coordinator to hold gangs and crime crews accountable and to divert young people away from crime.
- **Created** a Virginia State Police surge to increase law enforcement presence in the city.
- **Partnered** with the Department of Corrections to plan a community work re-entry program using inmates from Nottoway Correctional Center.
- **Implemented** the Gang Resistance Education and Training (GREAT) program with five youths currently being served.





# COMMERCE



*Revitalizing & investing in existing and new businesses, and growing the workforce.*

## Initiatives

- **Revitalize** Petersburg's assets - Ramada Inn.
- **Revitalize** Petersburg's assets - Downtown.
- **Generate** entrepreneurial culture through the funding of start-ups.
- **Build** relationships with the business community.
- **Create** a small business conference.
- **Advance** the Pharma cluster - Industry.
- **Advance** the Pharma cluster - Workforce.
- **Expand** access to housing options.
- **Increase** access to broadband.
- **Engage** Petersburg's employers with job fairs.

## Accomplishments

- **Demolished** the Ramada Inn which had been vacant since 2012.
- **Opened** the Virginia Community Resource Center in downtown Petersburg.
- **Awarded** twenty \$25,000 grants to existing and new small business owners in Petersburg.
- **Held** numerous small business and supplier diversity workshops to provide education and resources to small business owners.
- **Held** a small business conference in September with plans for more in the future.
- **Opening** the Civica plant to manufacture low cost insulin.
- The Virginia Development Consortium group is **building** a mixed use development with accessible housing.
- **Facilitated** an agreement between the City and Public school system to provide broadband to all Petersburg citizens.
- **Held** numerous Virginia Career Works job fairs.



# TRANSPORTATION



*Ensure citizens have increased access to transportation options for work and recreation.*

## Initiatives

- **Revitalize** the multi-modal center to expand access to transportation.
- **Enhance** non-emergency medical transportation through the expansion of para-transit resources in conjunction with the V.A., Department of Rail and Public Transport, and the private sector.
- **Modernize** the existing Petersburg Ettrick train station through the addition of a new platform, wheelchair accessibility, and a new canopy.
- **Provide** additional passenger rail service options by increasing rate of trains that pass through Petersburg.
- **Advance** the Richmond to Raleigh train corridor through Petersburg.
- **Ensure** Petersburg has safe entrances and exits along the I-95 and I-85 corridors.
- **Create** a CDL training site to give Petersburg residents access to more employment options.

## Accomplishments

- **Opened** a 76,000 square foot multi-modal transportation center to serve as a hub for the Tri-Cities region.
- Currently **adding** a wheelchair lift, covered walkway, and a new platform to the Ettrick train station.
- **Provided** an additional passenger rail trip servicing DC to Norfolk.
- **Began** a year long VDOT study to address the entrances and exits along the I-95 and I-85 corridors for safety and operational improvements.



# COMMUNITY



*Maximize partnerships to enhance community and faith based engagement.*

## Initiatives

- **Deign & build** out a platform for expanding the accessibility of resources and local, state and federal funding and incorporate this with community groups, opportunities and resources.
- **Foster** a coalition of public and private partnerships, community groups, and faith organizations to identify needs and resources.
- **Create** a daycare-in-churches system to lighten the load for parents and families, while also providing children a safe place to go.

## Accomplishments

- **Implemented** a digital hub in the Virginia Community Resource Center (VCRC) with tools to help citizens access state and federal assistance for childcare, education, health, housing, and workforce.





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